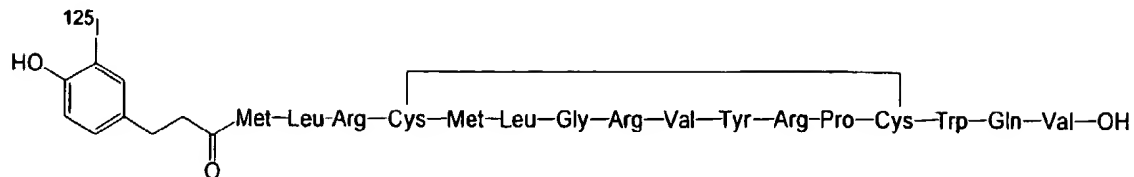


**Amendments To The Claims:**

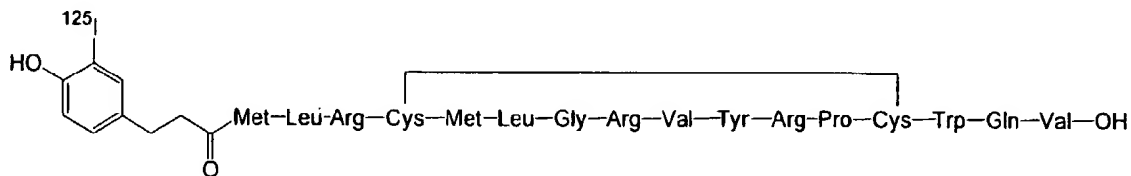
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for screening a compound or its salt that alters the binding property between [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxyhydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) and SLC-1 or its salt, which comprises:  
measuring the amount of the [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxyhydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met<sup>4</sup>Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) bound to the SLC-1, (i) when the [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxyhydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met<sup>4</sup>Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) is brought into contact with the SLC-1 or a salt thereof, and (ii) when a test compound and the [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxyhydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met<sup>4</sup>Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) are brought into contact with the SLC-1 or a salt thereof; and  
comparing (i) and (ii).
- 4 2. (Currently Amended) A kit for screening a compound or its salt that alters the binding property between [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxyhydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met<sup>4</sup>Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) and SLC-1 or its salt, which comprises a solution of comprising (a) [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met<sup>4</sup>Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) and (b) a buffer.
- 3-11. (Cancelled).
- 3 12. (Currently Amended) [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxyhydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met<sup>4</sup>Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) which is represented by the following formula:



- 2 13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met<sup>4</sup>Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) is represented by the following formula:



- 5 14. (Currently Amended) The kit according to claim 4, wherein the [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met<sup>4</sup>Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) is represented by the following formula:

